GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PROCUREMENT OF SPARES FOR SEA HARRIERS AND SEA KING HELICOPTERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to procure vital spares for the Navy`s ageing Sea Harrier jump jets and Sea King helicopters from United States of America; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): The spares for the Sea Harrier aircraftare being procured from the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) of the aircraft in the UK. No spares for the Sea Harrier are being procured from the US.

Ninety-eight spares of Seaking Aircraft have been ordered throughthe Foreign Military Sales (FMS) Scheme of US Navy.Of these, eighty spares have already been supplied.